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COMMISSIONERS
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We believe that we must respond to the Facebook post of Scott Bilyeu this past week about why he cannot make Road District decisions by himself. All of us have the right to our own opinion, but we are not entitled to our own facts. These are the facts that Scott has not told you about.

We require at least two commissioners to agree on subjects before action is taken. We adopted this policy to protect the public, including public money.

Scott himself is one of the best reasons that we have a two-commissioner rule. He costs the Road District over \$36,000.00 and this amount may increase to \$265,000.00. When he was a Road District Commissioner in 2019 he decided by himself to authorize a contractor to repave Smallin Road without a base. At the least, this work has cost the Road District about \$36,000.00. We found out about the lack of a base when our engineers found this problem. Scott finally admitted to us that he did this after the engineers found this problem. But this problem may be worse. The cost may eventually be \$265,000.00 if engineers determine there is more road that does not have a base.

The two-commissioner rule that Scott does not want is no different from requiring checks paid by government agencies must be counter signed by two signatures. This ensures there is a check and balance, so that abuse and mistakes do not happen. This rule does not limit Scott's duties. We prefer that he work with us to find solutions that all of us can find agreement.

The two-commissioner rule also requires Commissioners work with one another. We should discuss these subjects between the three of us, rather than letting one commissioner run the Road District the way that he personally wants.

The business of the Road District is not about the Commissioners, but about the public who use the roads, both inside and outside the Ozark city limits. We encourage Scott to end his resentment and work with us. Scott, we missed you at the meeting on September 8th and hope that you can work for all the public good. We can disagree on matters, but we should always be civil.

9/14/26
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